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SUBJECT:UNCTAD COMMODITIES: RUBBER: SCHEDULED WORKSHOP
AND PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONSULTATIONS MAY 7-19

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1. AT THE THIRD PREPARATORY MEETING ON NATURAL RUBBER
(REFTEL) IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD A FIELD WORKSHOP AND
PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONSULTATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IN
PREPARATION FOR THE NOV/DEC 1978 NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE FOR
A NATURAL RUBBER PRICE STABILIZATION AGREEMENT. THIS WORK-
SHIP AND THE CONSULTATIONS ARE BEING ORGANIZED BY UNCTAD IN
COORDINATION WITH THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE
ASSOCIATION OF NATURAL RUBBER PRODUCING COUNTRIES (ANRPC).

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2. THE US INTENDS TO SEND A DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN
THIS SESSION. THE MALAYSIAN EMBASSY HAS ADVISED US THAT THE
SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS: - -

MAY 7-10 HAADYAI, THAILAND
MAY 11-13 MEDAN, INDONESIA
MAY 14-15 SINGAPORE

MAY 16-19 KUALA LUMPUR

3. THE MALAYSIAN EMBASSY ALSO ADVISED THAT THE ANRPC SECRETARIAT WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR OUR DELEGATES IF WE SO DESIRED.

4. SO THAT WE CAN COMPLETE PLANNING FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE FIELD WORKSHOP, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE ANRPC SECRETARIAT WITH THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1) IS THE ABOVE SCHEDULE ACCURATE? WE PREVIOUSLY HAD INFORMATION FROM UNCTAD THAT THE DELEGATES WOULD CONGREGATE IN BANGKOK ON MAY 7 AND DEPART TOGETHER FOR HAADYAI THE FOLLOWING DAY.

2) IS THE ANRPC GOING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELEGATE TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS ON THE BANGKOK-HAADYAI-MEDAN-SINGAPORE-KUALA LUMPUR SEGMENTS OF THE TRIP?

YOU MAY INFORM THE ANRPC THAT THE US DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF FIVE REPRESENTATIVES. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT ALL OF THEM WILL ATTEND THE ENTIRE TWO-WEEK SESSION, BUT WILL PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION AND A DELEGATION LIST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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